



# NOTEWORTHY

Newsletter of the Central Maine Library District

Fall 2002

## New Databases

Linda Lord, Maine State Library Director of Development, had the pleasure of announcing that state-wide licensing has been acquired for the following databases.

**EBSCO:** Academic Search Premier Upgrade

- Agricola
- Alt-Health Watch
- Business Source Corporate (for corporations)
- Business Source Premier Upgrade
- Business Wire News
- Computer Source
- ERIC
- Legal Collection
- MEDLINE
- Professional Development Collection
- Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection
- Religion and Philosophy Collection
- Sociological Collection
- Vocational and Career Collection

**Gale:** Contemporary Authors  
Contemporary Literary Criticism (Select)  
Dictionary of Literary Biography

**Poem Finder**

**Encyclopedia Britannica**

**Oxford English Dictionary**

**Scribner's Writers Series**

**Twayne Authors Series (all three modules)**

These, and several other products, constitute a suite of databases available to anyone in Maine with internet access. This valuable resource provides reference books and thousands of full-text magazines and newspapers for your patrons at <http://libraries.maine.edu/mainedatabases/>. Please publicize these databases to your community!

## Fall Council Meeting

The above reference databases represent a wealth of resources available free to Maine libraries and all Maine citizens. If you have questions about them, or if you feel you are just "scratching the surface" of what is available, plan to attend the CMLD Fall Council Meeting November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Augusta Civic Center. Representatives from Ebsco, Gale, and netLibrary will present demonstrations of their products. In addition, a panel of librarians will discuss the use of several of the Maine research databases in their libraries. Plan to join colleagues for this informative session, which will include a brief business meeting and a report from the Maine State Library.

## Public Awareness Campaign

The Maine Regional Library system was awarded a \$24,000 New Century grant for a statewide "Library Awareness Campaign." The overall goal will be to encourage non-library users to discover and use their local libraries, and to create a higher level of awareness of libraries in Maine, particularly among those who rarely visit their libraries. The project will integrate ALA'S "@ Your Library" campaign and encourage librarians to publicize library resources and services.

The Maine Library Association and the Maine Association of School Librarians are partners in the project. A committee representing Maine libraries of all types has been appointed to implement the project. Members include Liz McMahon, Oakland; Sue Jagels, Bangor; Pat Foster, Ellsworth; Pam Gormley, Damariscotta; Rachel Quenk, Cape Elizabeth; Sue Finn, Augusta; Gretchen Gfeller, Orono; and Kevin Davis, Portland. The three District Consultants will serve as ex officio members of the committee.

The Shoestring Creative Group marketing firm of Portland has been hired to work with the committee to administer the project which gets underway this fall and concludes in spring 2003.

## Maine Library Standards How does your library measure up?



One free copy of the Maine Public Library Standards 2000 was given to each Maine public library director when it was first published in 2000. The Maine Library Association funded a special reprinting of the Standards this spring for trustee boards since all copies of the original printing had been distributed. The Standards

document is contained in a white loose-leaf binder with chapters covering governance, physical facilities, collections, services, personnel, technology, marketing and community relations, and a special section entitled "Minimum Public Library Standards." If your library would like to have an additional free copy for use by your library's board of trustees, contact the CMLD office at 1-800-322-8899.

## People



**Augusta, Lithgow Public Library** New appointment: Sarah O'Sullivan, Children's Services Librarian. A native of Maine, Sarah has worked in special libraries in Boston, including the Boston Museum of Science. She and her husband have just returned from London, England, where she worked in public libraries and experienced the Harry Potter frenzy first-hand.

**Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library:** Pat Brunell was appointed Head Librarian in May. Originally from Long Valley, New Jersey, Pat worked as reference librarian at the Roxbury Township Library. She has an MLS from Rutgers University and has lived in the Boothbay area for two years.

**Maine State Library:** Sylvia K. Norton is the new School Library, Information, and Technology Services Specialist for the Department of Education (the position formerly held by Walter Taranko). Previously she was Library Media Specialist at Freeport High School. She served on the Falmouth School Board, Falmouth Memorial Library Board, and the Falmouth HS building project steering committee. Sylvia is Past President, Maine Association of School Libraries; President, New England Educational Media Association; and Board Member, American Association of School Librarians.

**Maine State Library:** Melora Ranney has been appointed Outreach Services Coordinator. She replaces Benita Davis who served dual positions as Coordinator and NMLD Consultant. Melora was formerly Director of the Charles M. Bailey Library in Winthrop. Outreach Services includes large print books, talking books, and books-by-mail.

**Mexico Public Library:** Valerie Messana, Director, is originally from Houlton, Maine. Valerie was Library Assistant at Lincoln Middle School in Portland for nine years before coming to Mexico.

**Skowhegan Public Library:** Blynn Currier was appointed Library Director in June. Blynn has lived in the Skowhegan area all his life, having taught and served as librarian in the SAD #54 school system for many years.

**Wilton Free Public Library:** Juggler, boat-builder, and deep sea diver Wayne Roberts was appointed Children's Librarian in June. Originally from Eastport, Maine, Wayne served in the U.S. Coast Guard for 23 years. During that time he graduated from Navy Deep Sea Diver School; deployed to the Polar regions, and was a member of the U.S. Antarctic Program. Wayne also provides the library's technology support.

## Area Meetings

Interest has been expressed in reviving "area meetings" which bring together library staff from all types of libraries in a specific geographic area. NOLA, the Northern Oxford County Library Association, is a model of this concept. School and public librarians meet 4 or 5 times during the school year in the greater Rumford area. General networking, sharing information on the focus topic, and (of course) refreshments constitute the meeting format. The meetings are organized by the members, who set the schedule, decide the topics, and email meeting notices and minutes to one another. This fall the CMLD Consultant will set up initial area meetings by request with the hope that groups may follow the NOLA model and continue to arrange meetings on their own. There are currently two fall meetings scheduled: **Skowhegan**, Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 10-12, and **Wilton**, Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 4:30.

If you are interested in hosting a meeting for your area, or if you have any questions, contact your District Consultant, Bonnie Dwyer.

## Calendar

Sept. 5	Executive Board Meeting
Sept 11- Nov 13	10-week cataloging class [FULL]
Sept. 19	Public Library Directors' Round Table, Maine State Library, 9-noon.
Sept. 19	Capitol Area School Librarians, Farrington School, Augusta. 3:15-4:30
Sept. 21-28	Banned Books Week
Sept. 25	SPARK, Bowdoinham Public Library
Sept. 26	Area Meeting, Skowhegan, 10-12
Sept. 27	FOML Annual Conference, Augusta
Sept. 30	Area Meeting, Wilton, 3:00-4:30
Oct. 3	Waterville Area School Librarians
Oct. 13-19	Teen Read Week
Oct.20-22	New England Library Assoc., Sturbridge
Nov. 7	Fall Council Meeting
Nov. 12	SPARK, Location TBA
Nov. 18-24	Children's Book Week
Nov. 21	Capitol Area School Librarians, TBA
Jan. 8	SPARK, Location TBA
Jan. 16	Capitol Area School Librarians, TBA
Mar. 4	SPARK, Location TBA
Mar. 20	Capitol Area School Librarians, TBA
April 8	Reading Round Up
May 4, 5, 6	Maine Libraries Conference

For updated information on CMLD meetings and programs, visit the web site at [www.state.me.us/msl/cmlld](http://www.state.me.us/msl/cmlld)

## Bindery Schedule



The Bridgeport Bindery in Agawam, Massachusetts, serves as the bindery for the Maine Regional Library System.

Pickups and deliveries are made on a regular basis at scheduled library sites throughout Maine. Contact the bindery to set up a new account. Telephone 800-223-5083 or <http://www.BNBindery.com/>

### CMLD Pick-Up/Delivery Dates:

September 30, October 28, November 25, December 19

### CMLD Pick-Up/Delivery Sites:

Auburn Public Library  
Lewiston Public Library  
Maine State Library – Augusta  
Waterville Public Library

## Friends of Maine Libraries 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Friday, September 27, 2002 The Senator Inn, Augusta

For latest conference info and other news, visit  
[www.friendsofmainelibraries.org/foml](http://www.friendsofmainelibraries.org/foml)

## Library Construction

**Oakland** --- A \$1.1 million expansion and renovation project is underway at Oakland Public Library. The expansion will nearly double the size of the current 3,400-square-foot Carnegie library which was built in 1915. The addition, being constructed at the rear of the current library, will include a work room and offices for staff, and more space for books and programs. The rear of the building will become the entrance, where additional parking spaces will be created. The new second floor will house a computer room, reading room and additional stack space. Sylvanus Doughty is the architect; Lupo Construction Co. of Stetson is the contractor.

**Rangeley** --- The Rangeley Public Library re-opened in July after renovations and a 5,700-square-foot expansion. The project includes an elevator, double the shelving space of the original library, and expanded work and storage areas. Architect: Reed & Co. of Portland. The work was done by Dallas Hill Construction Co. of Rangeley. For further information, visit [www.rangeleyme.com/library](http://www.rangeleyme.com/library), where updates on the project will soon be added.

## SCOOP

SCOOP, a purchasing cooperative of the Maine Regional Library System, affords member\* libraries discounts on library books and materials, supplies, and furniture. The program is administered by a committee which will soon reconvene to begin the process of renewing the contract which will expire in June, 2003. A first step in this process is an evaluation of the existing arrangement. Watch you mailbox this fall for a SCOOP survey/evaluation which will provide the committee with necessary feedback and information to craft the next SCOOP agreement.

\* Members of CMLD are listed on the web site at [www.state.me.us/msl/cmlld](http://www.state.me.us/msl/cmlld). If your library is not listed and you wish to join (free), please contact the CMLD office (contact information is on the back of this newsletter).

## SPARK: What is it?



### **Stimulating Programs and Resources for Kids**

The Central Maine Library District sponsors this program by organizing idea-sharing meetings for anyone interested in library services to children. We schedule 4 or 5 morning

meetings during the school year at various public libraries in the District and invite all interested parties to attend. Topics range from discussions about utilizing volunteers to summer reading programs. In fact, the first meeting of this year will be reporting in on summer reading programs for the season which has just ended. Bring your resources and show off what you did this summer at your library. Bring extra copies of anything you wish to share with the group. Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at Bowdoinham Public Library. If you plan to attend, please inform the hosting library: Beth French: [bethfrench@bowdoinham.lib.me.us](mailto:bethfrench@bowdoinham.lib.me.us), or phone 666-8405

## New Board Members

Three new members were elected to the CMLD Executive Board at the Spring Council Meeting. CMLD by-laws stipulate that board members are limited to two 3-year terms. Outgoing members are Sue Finn (At-Large), Tamara Blesh (School Rep) Gardiner Area High School, and Jeri Ann Holt (Special Libraries Rep) Maine Municipal Association. Newly-elected members are: Glenna Nowell (At-Large) Retired, Gardiner Public Library; Jo Hipsher (School Rep) Brunswick High School; and Kathy Brunjes (Special Libraries Rep) Central Maine Medical Center. The Executive Board represents all types of libraries and, along with the District Consultant, develops, executes, and evaluates programs and services of the Central Maine Library District. The entire board is listed on the back of this newsletter.

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**CMLD Board Voting Members:** Kathy Brunjes, Central Maine Medical Center Library; Vaughan Gagne, Wilton Free Public Library; Jo Hipsher, Brunswick High School Library; Jay Hoffman, Katz Library, UMA; Betty Hughes, Patten Free Library, Bath; Glenna Nowell, At-Large; David Olson, Trustee, Wilton and Farmington Public Libraries; Ken Patten, Winthrop High School; Rick Speer, Lewiston Public Library. **Non-voting (Ex-Officio):** Karl Aromaa, Rumford Public Library, Maine Library Commission; Bonnie Dwyer, CMLD Consultant; Linda Lord, Director of Library Development, Maine State Library.